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Carrying out the Public Safety Plan: Here's where we're at

City of Tukwila



PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

In November of 2016, voters in Tukwila approved a public safety bond to pay for:

- Replacement of three aging, seismically-deficient fire stations (Stations 51, 52 and 54)
- Fire equipment and apparatus – such as fire trucks and other life/safety tools – for the life of the 20-year bond; and
- Construction of a Justice Center to house the Police Department and Municipal Court.

In addition, the City is building a consolidated public works facility to replace Tukwila's two existing seismically-deficient and undersized public works shops. Construction will be funded by equal contributions from the City's General and Enterprise Funds.

Immediately following the bond's passage, the City began working diligently to implement the Public Safety Plan. Here's an update on the status of the Public Safety Plan.

Fire station locations – The City retained fire station location and response time experts to identify the best locations for each station, ensuring equitable response times across the City. This information was presented to Council and to the public at an in-person open house, online open house and other forums.

Fire stations and Justice Center design – The City selected Weinstein A+U as the architect for all three fire stations. They are currently in the schematic design phase, and an initial design concept for Fire Station 51 will be shared with the public at the December open house. Selected to provide the architectural and engineering services for the Justice Center, the DLR Group is currently working through the programming phase with representatives of the Police Department and the Tukwila

Municipal Court. The programming phase identifies the needs of each department and needed adjacencies, serving as the foundation of the overall design effort.

Siting – The City expects to identify sites for each of these facilities and begin the process of acquiring sites late fall/early winter. More information will be presented at the December open house.

Outreach and engagement

– Thus far in 2017 the City has hosted two open houses on the Public Safety Plan. These have allowed the community to meet with architects for both the fire stations and Justice Center, provide input on siting criteria and potential sites for each facility,

and more. A third open house will be held in early December; watch your mailbox for more information on the event.



Challenges – As Tukwila is located in one of the fastest growing regions in the United States, land and construction prices have escalated astronomically. Assumptions about growth and inflation have been quickly surpassed in this market and the cost of building in the area has skyrocketed. The City is committed to building these facilities and will be using the development of the 2019/2020 budget next year to determine how we address the Public Safety Plan budgetary needs.

Public Works Facility – The City is currently in the pre-programming state of this effort since the Public Works Facility isn't scheduled to come online until spring of 2021.

Implementation of the City's Public Safety Plan is exciting. By making these investments in new, safe facilities we are providing both today's residents and the next generations with essential public facilities designed to provide the best customer service experience and provision of public safety services.

Have questions? Email PublicSafetyPlan@TukwilaWA.gov or visit TukwilaWA.gov/PublicSafetyPlan

Public Safety Plan Construction Schedule

Facility	Scheduled to Begin	Scheduled Completion
Station 51	Spring 2018	Fall 2019
Station 52	Early 2019	Summer 2020
Station 54	Early 2019	Summer 2020
Justice Center	Late 2018	Summer 2020
PW Shops	Late 2019	Spring 2021



Mayor's Message

Tukwila provides opportunities for youth with new summer high school internship program

This summer marked the inaugural year of the City's high school summer internship program. Our goal is to expose Tukwila's young people to employment opportunities available at the City, as well as having the City's workforce better represent the broader community. Through this program we have the opportunity to expose local high school students to diverse, living-wage careers in city government, and to develop a pipeline of diverse, local candidates for City jobs. The demand was extraordinary; we fielded over 80 applications for seven intern positions in six departments.

Department of Community Development – Mohamed Mohamud (Foster High School senior) worked with our transportation team to promote bicycle riding and other alternative forms of commuting. He also organized a community bike ride along the Green River that included partnering with LimeBike, Seattle's new bike share program.

Fire Marshal's Office – Kyla Marks (Raisbeck Aviation High School senior) helped the Fire Marshal's office digitize and archive their hard copy files, as well as spending a little time working with the public.

Mayor's Office – Ibrahim Omar (Foster High School sophomore) created several promotional videos for the Community Services and Engagement division this summer, including a video promoting the internship program.

Public Works – Caroline Tran (Raisbeck Aviation High School junior) helped with mapping trip hazards on sidewalks, and street lights that need to be converted from high-pressure sodium lights to more cost-effective LED lights.

Technology and Innovation Services – Abas Hersi (Foster High School sophomore) and Nawaal Shego (Highline High School senior) assisted TIS in deploying new laptops to several departments, helped employees set up recovery email addresses, and supported the City's database administrator on a couple of projects.

Police Department – Parker Sodon (Curtis High School senior) helped the Department digitize some of their paper records during his time with the City.

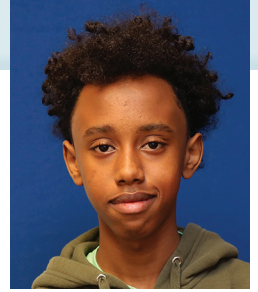
Our goal is to have a very robust high school internship program available each summer to young people who live and/or attend school in Tukwila. We are evaluating and refining the processes of this new engagement before next summer, and are very much looking forward to working with 2018's selected students and increasing departmental participation.

If you are interested in learning more about the high school internship program, contact Mia Navarro, Community Engagement Manager, at 206-454-7564, or Mia.Navarro@TukwilaWA.gov.

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

Mohamed Mohamud

Activities: bicycling, soccer, volunteering



Kyla Marks

Activities: STEAM camp counselor, Museum of Flight volunteer

Ibrahim Omar

Activities: track and field, photography, filmmaking

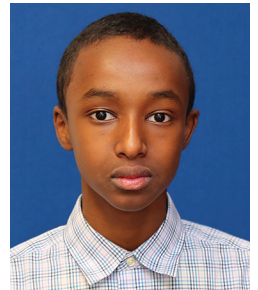


Caroline Tran

Activities: Musician, RAHS Satellite Mission Team, Cancer Center volunteer

Abas Hersi

Activities: technology, coding, engineering, robotics



Nawaal Shego

Interests: technology, government, coding, photography, volunteer

A holiday giving program for local children in need



SPiRiT of GiViNG

Can you help make a difference?

Please contact

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or 206-768-2822

Helping Tukwila realize a green tomorrow

In February 2017, the City of Tukwila joined the Green Cities Partnership, a regional collaboration of cities working to steward natural open spaces. Tukwila's program and initiative is called "Green Tukwila." Together with Forterra, EarthCorps, the Student Conservation Association, and the Tukwila community, Green Tukwila will care for the City's public parks and open spaces.

Throughout the next 20 years we will work to restore and maintain 138 acres of Tukwila's urban forest. To do this, we need

your help! Join your friends and neighbors and bring your families outside to learn about trees, shrubs, invasive plants and more. Work parties are being planned for community members to help care for precious urban forests and to ensure healthy, safe, and beautiful public spaces can be enjoyed into the future.

To learn more about the Green Tukwila program, become a park steward, or to sign up for volunteer opportunities, contact Olena.Perry@TukwilaWA.gov or call 206-767-2315.



New commercial landscape ordinance now in effect

As autumn approaches, many commercial and industrial property owners and managers are preparing to spruce up landscaping on their properties. Before deciding to remove a shrub, prune a tree or make other alterations, become familiar with Tukwila's new Landscape Code – Ordinance 2523 adopted March 6, 2017 – to avoid non-conforming landscaping. Find it here: TukwilaWA.gov/LandscapeOrdinance

New development of property in Tukwila includes required landscaping installation. All industrial, commercial, office and multi-family property owners and managers should be aware that City regulations require that the landscaping on their site be maintained in a healthy condition for the life of the project. You can always update or change an existing landscape, but you will likely need a permit to do so. To find out whether a permit is required, contact the Department of Community Development at 206-431-3670 before starting work.

As was the case in the past, topping of trees is prohibited and will be considered removal, resulting in required tree replacement and possible fines. Topping is the practice of severely and indiscriminately cutting back or removing branches in trees, often leaving stubs. Trees are often topped to reduce their

height to increase views, allow more sun into an area, or make the trees "safe." There are alternatives to topping to achieve these ends, which a tree professional can recommend.

Property owners or managers are responsible for hiring a reputable tree care company with arborists on their staff certified by the International Society of Arborists (ISA). These professionals have the experience and knowledge to prune and care for your plants correctly, leading to healthier, more attractive, longer-lived landscapes that ultimately save money. Make sure an ISA Certified Arborist is pruning your trees; ask for his or her ISA number if you aren't sure. Need help selecting a certified Arborist? Visit PNWISA.org and click on "Find an Arborist" at the top of the page to see listings of local certified arborists for your job.

Healthy landscapes provide many benefits to both a single property and to the whole community. Trees and landscaping

reduce stress, decrease storm-water runoff and pollution, provide shade in sunny weather to cool buildings and parking areas, and add monetary value to the property. The City looks forward to working with property owners and tenants to protect this important resource and keep Tukwila green.





Promoting diversity in the construction trades

On September 21, the City of Tukwila partnered with King County's Communities of Opportunity program, the Tukwila School District, Partner in Employment, WorkSource and Global to Local, hosting an event to help people get jobs in the construction industry.

This event, held at Foster High School in Tukwila, was open to everyone and was intended to help bring diverse and underserved communities more access to job training and resources for good paying construction trades careers. Tukwila's Equity and Social Justice Commission, and Economic Development Department were proud to provide financial support to the event.

Nearly one hundred attendees heard directly from and meet apprentices, journey workers, industry employers, priority hire

diversity programs, and apprenticeship programs about exciting opportunities to enter local construction jobs through apprenticeship and training. Of the attendees, 64% were people of color, 27% were women, and 46% live in Rainier Valley, White Center, Tukwila, and SeaTac.

The event included two panels. The first was a construction employer panel featuring three employers, and the King County Priority Hire Program. The second was a panel of apprentices and journey level workers from diverse backgrounds sharing their stories about their personal pathways to apprenticeship and working in the construction trades. Additionally, 14 pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, training, & resource providers staffed resource tables at the event to provide more info to attendees about their programs.

Members of Tukwila Fire Department deployed to assist with recent disaster events

Four members of the Tukwila Fire Department were deployed to Texas to help with rescue and recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey. Captains Pat McCoy, Mark Morales and Andy Nevens, and Firefighter Pat O'Brien went on the initial deployment. All four of these men have served in other disasters around the country including Katrina, the Oso Mud Slide, and other hurricanes.

Captain Morales, Firefighter O'Brien and Captain Nevens (pictured) were all assigned to a "Swift Water Team" that is assigned to be in the water, moving equipment, rescuing stranded residents and searching buildings that are dangerously flooded. All three have specialized training for working in dangerous water conditions like this.

Captain Pat McCoy was deployed on a different mission in Texas as part of a

Disaster Medical Assistance Team. This specialized medical team is commonly assigned to the larger shelters, setting up a medical clinic to support medical needs of the victims there.

On the way back to Tukwila from Texas, the team was called again and turned around in Richland, WA to head to Robins Air Force Base in Georgia for staging to assist with rescue and recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Irma. In addition, Firefighters Merle Brooks and Aaron Johnson were also deployed to assist with swift water rescue in association with the Irma response.

The City administration, Fire Department and the families of our responders have shown their support for our members who are willing to go into dangerous conditions and serve others in need. Tukwila's costs are reimbursed by the federal government through FEMA.





The duties of being a Councilmember – the reading, listening, talking, deciding and voting – stay pretty much the same from year to year. The issues we work on sure don't. We live in a rapidly changing world and our community is influenced by the goings-on in Seattle, King County, Washington State, and DC. When change starts getting out of hand, one of the best strategies is to decide what's important, what's the highest priority, or just plain what are you actually responsible for.

At our January 2017 Council Retreat, we decided to focus on the issue of who's responsible for what, i.e., the issue of 'Policy' versus 'Administration.' That seemed easy... at first. We researched the topic and found voluminous literature, at least three major schools of thought, a whole bunch of contexts and, of course, more State laws. Wonderful! A little research led to the discovery of some fairly solid advice from Municipal Research Services Corporation (MRSC), who helped us identify some of the major differences:

City Council

- Enacts a city budget
- Defines the powers, functions and duties of city officers and employees
- Fixes the compensation of officers and employees

- Imposes taxes, if not prohibited (of course) by State law

Mayor's Office

- Is in charge of day-to-day operations, including supervision of all appointed officials and employees
- Prepares a proposed budget
- Reports to the Council on the financial and other needs of the city
- Provides information on how the city is operating to the Council in a timely and useful fashion

Identifying our role was helpful, but now what should the Council do with this understanding? How should we deal with the City issues?

We discussed the Council's role in major issues like the biennial City budget and employee salaries and, in particular, the Public Safety Plan (PSP) that our residents approved last year. The PSP is a sizable project; assembling a project team and facility siting were going to be the big items in 2017. Construction decisions and costs would be 2018/2019 issues. We also decided to use a Project Management Quality Assurance consultant to advise the Council on schedule, quality and cost issues for the PSP.

We also talked about big policy issues caused by changes around us. Housing, because of the incredible economic growth in our region, had become a policy priority. What could we, the City of Tukwila, do to help our residents in the affordable housing arena? We came up with five tasks for 2017:

- Investigating City options for legally improving existing housing conditions
- Investigate budget and tax implications of affordable housing
- Review City role in addressing regional housing affordability and homelessness problem
- Review and act on tenant's rights
- Create a process for involving residential neighborhoods in their neighborhood density issues.

The year 2017 isn't over so it's not yet time to report out how successful the Council has been in addressing the issues identified last January. Thank goodness. But we've worked hard on our part of the Public Safety Plan and housing issues, plus the normal hard work of keeping the City running. Besides, everything keeps changing in this crazy world so staying totally focused isn't really totally possible. Is it?

How to best serve our community

In Tukwila's Strategic Plan adopted in 2012, one of the City's five strategic goals is "Providing a solid foundation for all residents." The provision of human services in Tukwila has been a key priority in the City for more than 20 years.

To strengthen our capabilities in this area, the Mayor's Office functions of human services and communications have joined forces to become the Community Services and Engagement Division. This restructuring will enhance the collaborative efforts around the delivery of city services, informational outreach and community engagement.

Finance cashiering hours at City Hall

If you plan on coming to City Hall to make a payment in person, the Finance Department cash register operating hours are as follows:

Monday	8:30AM–4:00PM
Tuesday	8:30AM–4:00PM
Wednesday	8:30AM–4:00PM
Thursday	10:30AM–4:00PM
Friday	8:30AM–4:00PM

Although in-person payments are not taken after 4:00PM (to allow time for daily transaction balancing/cashing out), the Department's front counter remains open until 5:00PM for other assistance. Customers can still drop off payments in our City Hall drop boxes or pay online or via the new 24/7 automated phone payment system. For more information, call 206-433-1835.



42nd Avenue South, Phase III

(Southcenter Boulevard (South 154th Street) to South 160th Street)

The \$6,827,800 project is underway following award of the construction bid to Active Construction. The project slightly widens 42nd Avenue South, adds sidewalks and buffer zones, undergrounds all aerial utilities and improves sight distance at the intersections. Additionally, the Gilliam Creek culvert at the bottom of the hill will be replaced with a 16-foot wide, fish-passable arch culvert. 42nd Avenue South is closed to traffic for this construction and is expected to be open the first quarter of 2018. The project will continue with final asphalt paving in late 2018.

2017 Overlay & Repair

This year six road sections were chosen for overlay and repair work:

- 42nd Avenue S
- S 143rd Place
- 45th Avenue S
- S 130th Street
- S 128th Street
- Parts of Fort Dent Park parking lot

Construction is scheduled for completion in October. 2018 overlay and repair project design is currently underway.



South 144th Street, Phase II

Ongoing since April 2017, this project extends from Tukwila International Boulevard to 42nd Avenue South, adjacent to Tukwila Village. Underground utilities, storm drainage and sidewalks have been installed. Median islands are underway and the improvements also include a new traffic signal at 42nd Avenue South and a mid-block rapid flash beacon for pedestrians. South 144th Street now has one westbound lane open, but will close again for five days when the final overlay is scheduled. The remaining construction is scheduled for completion by November 2017.

Tukwila Urban Center Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge

Under construction since August 2016, the main bridge span has been set and the contractor continues to paint the main steel bridge structure and install electrical conduits. Next up is installing the landings on each side of the pedestrian bridge. The asphalt trail is now open on the west side of Green River for public use. Remaining construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017.

Baker Boulevard Non-Motorized Improvements

The improvements include bike lanes, sidewalk, storm drainage, illumination, landscaping, and a road diet on Baker Blvd from Andover Park West to Christensen Rd. Reconstruction of sidewalk access ramps at intersections is part of the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program. This project also connects the trail with the new Tukwila Urban Center's Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge and is funded with \$1 million from the King County Department of Natural Resources. The contractor is currently installing storm drainage modifications for the sidewalk widening and new ADA ramps. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2017.



2017 Annual Small Drainage Program

Drain pipe and catch basins are being installed on 48th Avenue South, 58th Avenue South and Strander Boulevard by McCann Construction. Concrete sidewalks and asphalt paving will restore the locations at 58th Avenue South and Strander Boulevard. Estimated completion is November 2017.



South 160th Street Speed Cushion Pilot Program

Due to closing 42nd Avenue, six portable speed cushions were installed for this program on South 160th Street. The next step is to determine the impact to traffic and the current speeds. Council has requested speed cushion criteria, budget, and potential future sites throughout the City.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT ANY OF THESE PROJECTS,
PLEASE CONTACT
TUKWILA PUBLIC WORKS AT
206-433-0179, OR
PUBLICWORKS@TUKWILAWA.GOV**

Major maintenance on three bridges

The Grady Way South Bridge, the Beacon Avenue South Bridge, and the Frank Zepp Bridge (South 180th St.) are all currently under construction. Beacon Avenue South Bridge is closed to traffic as the bridge deck has been removed. Frank Zepp Bridge was closed for bridge deck repairs. Grady Way Bridge will only have temporary lane closures on Longacres Way. Staff anticipates that all the work will be completed by the end of 2017.



South 119th Street Pedestrian Bridge

City staff is researching coating products that will adhere to the wood structure without peeling, while a consultant performs a brief study on the best type of paint system to apply to the bridge. Painting the bridge is anticipated in the summer of 2018.

Cascade View Safe Routes to School, Phase II

Construction continues with installation of concrete sidewalks and final paving. The project will provide a mini roundabout at 33rd Ave. S./S 140th St., and sidewalks on the east side of 33rd Ave. S. between S 140th-144th Streets and the south side of South 140th Street between Military Road and 34th Avenue South. Stormwater quality treatment has also been included with this grant-funded residential street improvement project. Completion is scheduled by the end of October 2017.



58th Avenue S/Macadam Road Water Main Replacement

Scheduled to start in 2018, the old 6" cast iron water main on 58th Avenue South will be replaced between South 142nd and 144th Streets. The project will also include overlay of 58th Avenue South, installation of six ADA ramps, and limited sidewalk replacement. On Macadam Road South, the water main will be replaced from South 144th Street to Southcenter Boulevard, and the road will then be overlaid.

53rd Avenue South

The City of Tukwila is currently in the design phase for a residential street project that will reconstruct 53rd Avenue South from South 137th to South 144th Street. The project will construct improvements that include a new drainage system, sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, illumination, utility upgrades, and undergrounding of overhead utilities. Right-of-way negotiations are ongoing and construction is expected to be advertised in November 2017. Construction will be ongoing through 2018.

Boeing Access Road over BNRR Bridge Rehabilitation

Boeing Access Road Bridge will be under construction through 2018. The contractor is currently obtaining all of the necessary railroad permits before construction actually begins. Watch for future updates on the project as it moves along.

Strander Blvd. Extension, Phase 3

The City of Renton completed Phases 1 and 2 of this project from Oaksdale Avenue to the new Sounder Commuter Rail Station parking lot. Headed up by the City of Tukwila, Phase 3 will connect Strander Boulevard under the railroad tracks from Renton to West Valley Highway. Tukwila has received over \$5 million in federal grant funding for design and right-of-way for the final connection of this four-lane cross-valley corridor. The City recently hired BergerABAM to design the project for \$4,147,328.00, with completion expected in 2019.



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7:00PM in Council Chambers

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NOV 1
Halloween Bunco
Seniors enjoy dice game
and lunch at TCC

NOV 5
Daylight Savings ends
Change batteries in smoke/
carbon monoxide alarms!

NOV 7
Election Day
Don't forget to vote!

NOV 11
Duwamish River
Work Party
Volunteers helping nature

NOV 12
SnackPack Concert
Benefit providing meals
for students in need

NOV 21
Senior Thanksgiving
Dinner
All the trimmings at TCC

NOV 10, 23, 24
City Offices closed
for Veteran's Day &
Thanksgiving holidays

NOVEMBER

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DEC 9
Foster High Craft Fair
Future Business Leaders
of America Club

DEC 14
Holiday Bunco
Seniors enjoy dice game
and lunch at TCC

DEC 18-29
Winter Break Camp
End-of-the-year fun
for grades K-6

DEC 25
City Offices closed
In observance of
Christmas holiday

Learn more about these upcoming events by checking the "Upcoming Events" section
of the City's website – TukwilaWA.gov – or in the Park & Recreation Department's
Fall 2017 brochure, online at TukwilaWA.gov/ActivitiesGuide.